



We Love To Read!

A guide to supporting your child's love of reading at home.

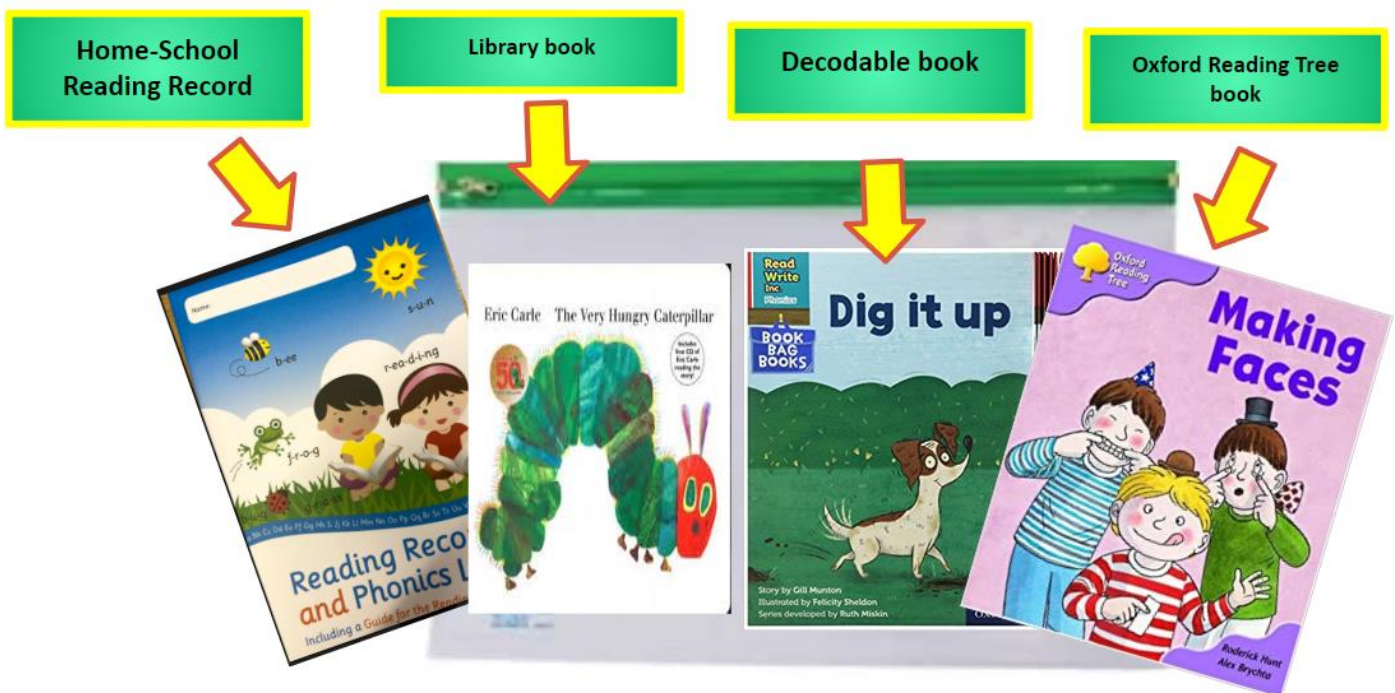
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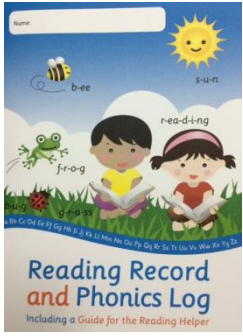
At Star, reading happens every day in every class! Your child will take home a reading book EVERY night to read with you and this will be kept neat and tidy in their special, personalised zip wallet.



Home-school Reading Record	A home-school communication book for you to comment on your child's reading.
Library Book	A book to share and read for <i>pure pleasure</i> .
Decodable reading book	A book your child will be able to read mostly independently and that links directly to your child's phonics knowledge.
Oxford Reading Tree Book	A book matched to your child's reading progress providing further opportunities to explore tricky words and new words.



Reading with your child and writing in their journal



- Learning to read is a very exciting time for your child and we ask that you listen to your child read **every day at home.**
- After reading, you can discuss the story with your child and comment on what they've read well!
- We ask that you sign and date the reading journal. You could also write a comment about what they've done well and this will also inform the class teacher.

Top tips: Storytime

1. Make it a treat
2. Make it a special quiet time
3. Show curiosity
4. Read story once without stopping
5. Chat about the story
6. Avoid testing with questions
7. Link to other stories and experiences
8. Read favourites over and over again
9. Use different voices
10. Love the book



10 things your child learns when you read aloud stories and poems every day

1. Sustain attention
2. Appreciate rhythm and rhyme
3. Build pictures in their minds from the words on the page
4. Understand humour and irony
5. Use new words and phrases in different contexts - and later in writing
6. Learn new vocabulary and knowledge of the world
7. Think about characters' feelings and use appropriate voices
8. Follow a plot with all its twists and turns
9. Understand suspense and predict what's about to happen next
10. Link sentences and ideas from one passage to the next

Spotting reading skills and progress



You might notice your child...

Reading some **familiar words** out loud.

Re-telling the story/event.

Telling you what happens at the beginning of the story.

Telling you who the main character is.

Telling you **why** they liked a story.

Using the pictures to help them read the story.

Using the pictures to help them **understand** the story.

Telling you **what they thought** might happen at the end of the story.



You might like to write some comments in their reading journal to let us know how they read. Some examples are...

You recognised the rhymes in the story.

You turned the pages carefully, holding the book the right way up.

You used phonics to read the word (insert word).

You read each word in the correct order from left to right.

You could say the sounds and blend them together in the word (insert word).

